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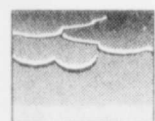
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CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY SAN LUIS OBISPO

## Microsoft, CSU hammer out software details

By Steve Noone  
Mustang Daily

A four-year, \$8 million agreement between the California State University system and Microsoft has been finalized and is expected to save the CSU system at least \$7 million while providing students savings of hundreds of dollars on best-selling

Microsoft products.

"The agreement extended and replaced the old contract this month," said Ken Swisher, spokesman for the CSU Chancellor's Office. "This agreement combines the purchasing power from all the campuses to give us a huge discount. It's beneficial to everyone because

Microsoft software is already pretty much the standard — two thirds of the campuses reported that it was, and all campuses reported that this software was widely used."

The agreement provides 180,000 licences to students and 30,000 licences to faculty and staff to some of Microsoft's most popular products

including: Microsoft Windows and Windows NT Workstation, Microsoft Office Professional Edition, Microsoft Visual Studio Pro, Microsoft Front Page, and Microsoft Back Office Client.

Distribution strategies at the different campuses are still being finalized, but Swisher suggested students may

perhaps be able to download the software as a registered user from the web, have the software installed on their computers, or purchase the software on a CD-ROM for a nominal fee of "about \$15."

The price, if any, of the software is still uncertain.

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## Dorm residents overload outlets

By Courtney Harris  
Mustang Daily

It's tempting. Dorm residents often have more appliances than outlets, so multi-socket plugs seem to be the answer. These plugs, however, are against the rules, as stated in the resident halls handbooks, which all residents receive.

There are many types of electrical hazards beckoning in the dorms. With everything from computers, desk lamps and mini-refrigerators to irons and hair dryers, students can run into problems trying to plug it all in. But without a surge protector, overloading can be dangerous.

"The dorms were designed for one plug in each outlet," said Yosemite Hall resident advisor Chris Kelly. More could cause an overload and something could catch fire, he said.

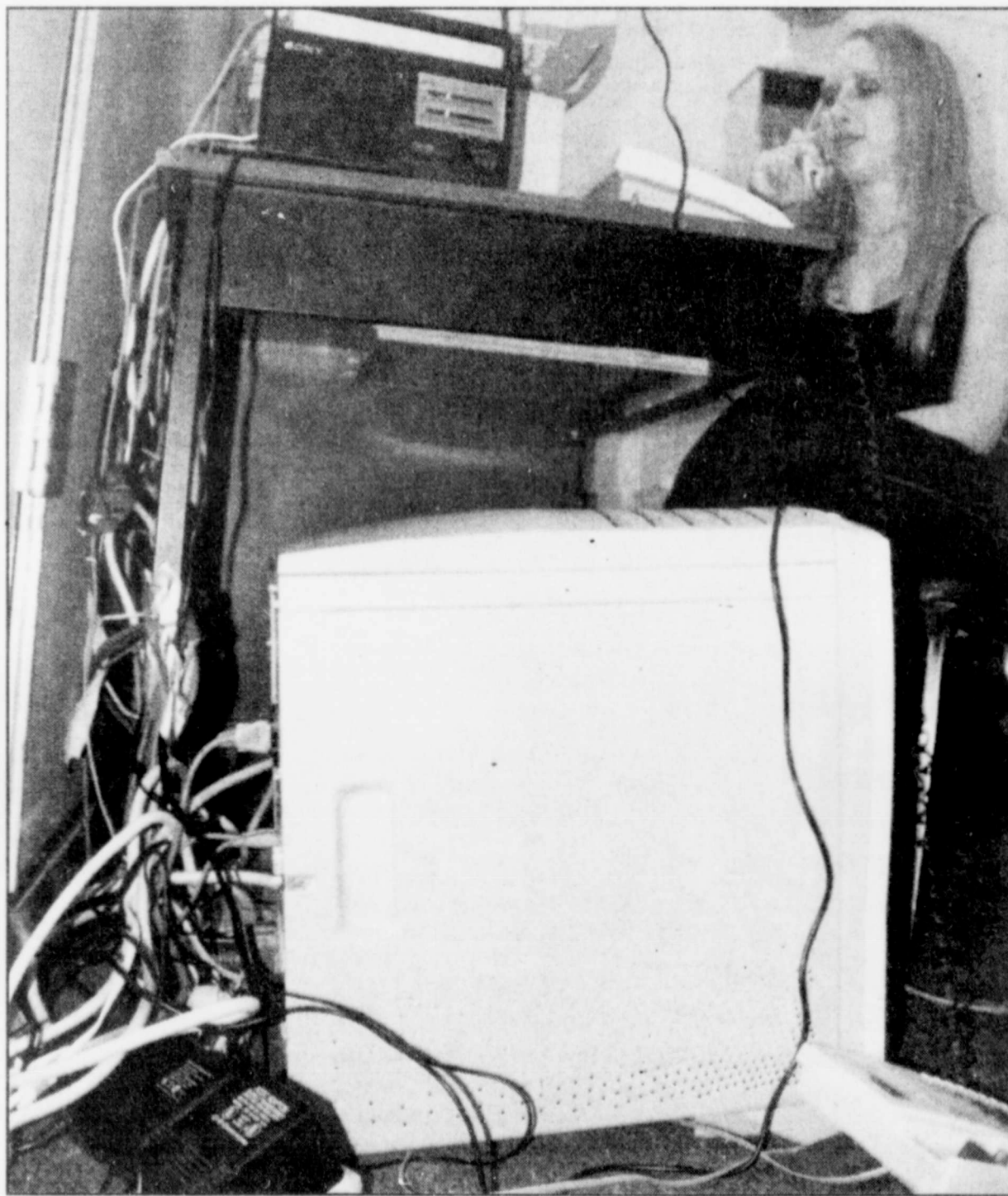
"We try to tell (the residents) to read their handbooks when they come, to know the rules beforehand," said Kelly.

The handbook, issued by Housing and Residential Life, states that certain appliances, such as halogen lamps, hot plates, toasters and blenders are not permitted in the rooms.

"Christmas lights are allowed technically two weeks before the break, but they can't be put in the windows," said Kelly. They must also be taken down before students leave for the break, he added.

In addition, RAs must check the rooms before Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break to make sure there isn't something still plugged in that could be hazardous.

"It's to make sure things like irons aren't plugged in," said Suzanne Fritz, an education and training specialist in Sierra Madre Hall. Students are given prior



**ABOVE:** Dorm resident Shayne Markman uses a profusely corded computer.  
**LEFT:** Dorm resident Kate Hook demonstrates not paying attention to dangerous fire hazards.  
Eric McClure/  
Mustang Daily

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## Poly theater major opens for six students

New students, transfers can enroll in Fall quarter 1999

Whitney Phaneuf  
Mustang Daily

Two and a half years in the making, an official theater arts major now exists at Cal Poly. Six students are already enrolled in the bachelor of arts major program, and the theater department will be accepting its first freshman and transfer students in Fall 1999.

Pam Malkin, associate theater department head, said the idea of a major was discussed for about 11 years. The alumni-based organization, Friends and Supporters of Cal Poly Theater, played an instrumental role in approving the major Malkin said.

"Both the chancellor and California Post-Secondary Education Commission said having a strong alumni association shows we have impressive networking and employment opportunities in the industry," Malkin said.

The College of Liberal Arts has put the capacity of enrollment at 40 theater arts majors and Malkin has already been busy showing candidates majors around the department.

The major curriculum is liberal-arts based and includes numerous classes outside of theater.

"To be a good theater person, you have to have a wide range of knowledge in many fields," Malkin said.

The theater department currently has four faculty members and one technical staff member.

Malkin said the small faculty works because they have the same goal — to have the major serve the students, not the students serve the major.

"We're a small, but committed, active faculty who provide a lot of individual instruction and enhanced opportunities for students," she said.

Those enhanced opportunities include regularly scheduled career panels and good contacts for internships and co-ops.

"(Entertainment) is one of the biggest growth industries and we are poised to help students enter the industry," Malkin said.

Mark Sitko became an official theater arts major right before winter break. The former mathematics junior had been waiting for the opportunity since he came to Cal Poly.

After graduation, Sitko plans on pursuing an acting

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# Lyme disease vaccine developed at UC Irvine

IRVINE (U-WIRE) — Infecting approximately 10,000 Americans every year, lyme disease may soon be eradicated with the creation of the nation's first vaccine by a University of California, Irvine researcher. The vaccine was approved for immediate release by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Dec. 21.

"The action by the FDA is an important milestone in the prevention of lyme disease," said Eddie Gray, vice president and director of LYMERix, which is the company reproducing the vaccine.

Lyme disease is currently the nation's most prevalent tick-borne illness. Realizing that this disease needs to be quickly controlled because it affects so many Americans, Dr. Alan Barbour's work has recently led him to uncover a solution.

Barbour's development for this vaccine began with the isolation of the bacterium that causes the disease in 1981 while he worked in a National Institute for Health laboratory. In 1986, he continued his

research at the University of Texas and has been with UCI since 1997.

The bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* that causes lyme disease is carried by ticks and transmitted to nearby mammals such as mice, deer and humans. Flu-like symptoms (fever and joint pain) and a bulls-eye rash are present at the onset of the infection.

According to Barbour, antibiotics have currently been effective in treating the disease; however, it is commonly misdiagnosed and left untreated which leads to serious arthritic, cardiac and neurological disorders.

After isolating the bacterium, Barbour and his colleagues were able to discover the gene sequence (OspA recombinant) of the protein on the surface of the bacteria, allowing the cloning of the gene and its mass production for use in the creation of the vaccine.

According to a study published in Clinical Therapeutics, the economic burden for lyme disease cases in the United States is projected to be approximately 2.5 billion in direct

and indirect medical costs in a five year period. Beyond this cost, millions will be spent on pesticides and population-control programs. It is therefore understandable why the federal government and pharmaceutical companies would have an interest in finding a vaccine for the disease.

Though the disease is much more prevalent in the Northeast and Midwest, there were 171 cases reported in California in 1997. In 1998, health officials in Los Angeles county issued a warning for residents and visitors of the Santa Monica Mountains, after a tick trapped in the area tested positive for carrying the disease.

"The tick has a blood meal in progress and the infecting bacteria in the tick is killed," said Dr. Vijay Sikand, principal investigator on human vaccine studies.

Clinical trials began in 1993 wherein 10,936 volunteers were injected with either the vaccine or a placebo (saltwater). After a 20 month period it was found that (80 to 90 percent) of those injected with the vaccine were protected from the

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— Dr. Vijay Sikand  
human vaccine investigator

disease. There were minor side effects, including soreness at the site of the injection.

The vaccine LYMERix, made by the pharmaceutical company Smith Kline Beecham Biologicals, will be available as early as this week. Another company, Pasteur Marieux Connaught, will release their own version of the vaccine later in the year.

"The approval of LYMERix means the threat of lyme disease may be significantly reduced for millions of American who spend time outdoors or plan to travel to endemic areas," Gray said.

David Weld, executive director of the American Lyme Disease Foundation, cautions that the vac-

cine is "an important component in the overall package," other measures must still be taken to maximize the public's safety. This includes tick checks (testing ticks for the presence of the disease), and informing the public to stay away from or take the proper precautions in affected areas. Barbour agrees that the vaccine is an "option for those people at high risk."

Further developments in the vaccine include improved versions (increasing the success rate from 80-90 percent to 100 percent), reducing the number of shots needed to be immunized (currently 3 shots are needed at 0, 1 and 12 months respectively) and making it available to children. Currently it is offered to those 15 and older.

## Crime, student drinking related, say profs, police

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. (U-WIRE) — In a college town, young people prone to bar-hopping and attending parties are surrounded by endless opportunities to consume alcohol.

Based on the demographics of State College, Chester Britt, assistant professor of crime, law and justice, said it is not surprising area crime includes many small theft, public order, property and alcohol incidents.

Britt said the prevalence of certain types of crime in a community is related to the residents' ages.

People between 15 and 20 years old commit the bulk of property-related crimes, such as theft and damage, while more violent crimes tend to be committed by people in their mid-20s, he said.

"If the university wasn't here, this place would look a whole lot different than it does," Britt said. "In large

part, (crime is) connected to the age structure of State College."

State College Police Department Lt. Diane Conrad said statistically the community is relatively safe, with few instances of "brutal" crime. She added students should feel secure in State College.

Katy Cymbor (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) said she feels safe and is not concerned about local crime levels.

"I guess I would expect worse things to happen here," she said.

Students can help control potentially unsafe situations by thinking about the repercussions of their actions, especially when alcohol is involved, Conrad said.

"Alcohol can get you in trouble," she said. "If you're careful, you can reduce your chances."

Intoxicated individuals may not

consider the consequences of their decisions, which could result in inappropriate behavior, Britt said. Their chances of being a victim of predatory crime can also increase because they may not be able to defend themselves, he added.

According to statistics from the police department, there were more alcohol-related incidents between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30, 1998, than during the same time in 1997.

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## SOFTWARE

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Swisher said the agreement is simply a purchase, not a partnership, and therefore would not require Microsoft exclusivity on campus.

The question of Macintosh support under the agreement is still under consideration as many of the software titles are only available for computers running Windows.

Swisher said that Macintosh users will be able to access the software by using an emulation program, but Craig Schultz, Director of User Support Services for Cal Poly Information Technology Services said the agreement will benefit students regardless of their choice of platform.

Travis Mooney, a journalism senior and El Corral Tech Center employee, said that while the Microsoft agreement will probably not squeeze out other vendors, it may not be as beneficial to students as it seems.

"The opinion of Microsoft products is pretty low on this campus," he said. "Their software is the most

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— Ken Swisher  
spokesman for CSU  
Chancellor's Office

resource intensive and their prices are much higher than the competitors to begin with."

Mooney said that El Corral has not been contacted to distribute the software, and he did not know what titles would be made available to students.

According to Swisher, the deal will also provide computer based training for students and staff which professors could use as instructional components in their classes.

This \$550,000 CBT (Computer Based Training) contract will provide 650 information technology courses offer the next three years, including sessions on web publishing, networking, Microsoft Office, Windows, and basic computer usage.

## OUTLETS

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notice through the housing license agreement they sign, she said.

According to Kelly, he will sometimes come across extension cords

that don't have surge protectors or curling irons that are left plugged in. If it's something that isn't allowed, he simply leaves the person a note, asking them not to use it.

Things like toasters could be fire hazards, he said.



# Show to air Kristin Smart segment

By Andy Castagnola  
Mustang Daily

The story of missing student Kristin Smart has a new outlet today: The Maury Povich Show.

John Walsh of America's Most Wanted will present Smart's case on the show with several other missing person cases.

Smart's mother, Denise, and sister, Lindsey, also will appear on the show to answer a few questions from Povich. The show will be broadcast today at 10 a.m. on KCAL channel 9.

Denise Smart said she agreed to The Maury Povich Show because of the affiliation with Walsh and America's Most Wanted.

"We've turned down lots and lots of offers because it's pretty draining," Smart said.

In November, People Magazine and the San Francisco Chronicle featured Kristin in separate stories.

In response to the People Magazine article, two women who worked with Paul Flores have come forward with information. Flores was the last person seen with Kristin

on the night of her disappearance in May 1996.

Anytime Kristin's case receives media attention, the public has a resurgence of energy and awareness, Denise Smart said.

"It's probably not the answer," Smart said about The Maury Povich Show, "but you never know."

"It makes it much easier to know that people are working to solve this," she continued.

Denise Smart criticized both Cal Poly and the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department for their handling of the case.

"The college has not been supportive at all," she said.

In a letter sent to Cal Poly parents following the November disappearance of student Rachel Newhouse, Kristin Smart was never mentioned.

"It's like a slap in the face," Denise Smart said. "But we're calloused to that by now."

Denise Smart also noted that she had not heard from the Sheriff's Department in two years, and said she may never know why. However, since the election of a new sheriff and the assignment of a new detective to the case, Smart said law enforcement has

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— Denise Smart  
mother of missing Cal Poly  
student Kristin Smart

recharged the investigation.

"We feel we're getting some help," Smart said. "Some things are getting better. We don't have to go out and beg."

Newhouse, Cal Poly's other missing student, will appear on America's Most Wanted on January 23.

Denise Smart said she thinks Cal Poly has learned from Smart's case how to better handle the Newhouse disappearance.

"I feel good that Kristin's disappearance has made it easier for Rachel's family," she said.

## Cholesterol-lowering drug works for kids, yearlong study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Boys born with a cholesterol disorder that virtually dooms them to heart disease can benefit from taking a cholesterol-lowering drug that is widely used among adults, a new study indicates.

In the yearlong study, the drug lovastatin significantly lowered inherited high cholesterol among the boys ages 10 to 17. The genetically caused disorder, which affects about 500,000 Americans, cannot be controlled by diet.

The drug, introduced in 1987 and sold under the name Mevacor, caused no harm to boys' growth or sexual development, which can be a concern when adult drugs are used to treat children, researchers said in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Without treatment, 23 percent of boys with inherited high cholesterol will die of heart disease by age 50, he and his colleagues noted, citing previous research.

## THEATER

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high school or university level. Even though the theater department at Cal Poly is small in comparison to other universities, Sitko finds it much more appealing.

"You can try your hand at anything," he said. "I've acted, directed,

stage managed, been on a make-up crew, a set crew and lighting crew for a show."

Senior Katy Wiley agrees that the department is unique because of its size. The theater department is a second home to Wiley, and it's a family atmosphere she doesn't experience in any other classes.

She has a double major in theater

arts and liberal studies, with plans to teach children's theater. The new major is important to Wiley because it recognizes theater as a legitimate major.

"Throughout the education system, education in the arts is lacking, which affects our culture as a whole, because it narrows people's view of what the world has to offer," Wiley said.

Even though senior Heather Frantz

doesn't know what she wants to do with her degree in theater arts, she knows the major is where she wants to be.

"I've always been involved in theater, since elementary school," Frantz said.

Moving from the minor to the major was an exciting step for her, since she can now concentrate more on theater.

Malkin emphasized that the

department will always remain very dependent on non-majors and will continue to welcome students from every major to participate in theater culture.

Sitko views the major as one of the last left with a main emphasis on learning.

"The degree isn't really the valuable thing, but it's getting the education that matters," he said.

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UU Hour Question of the Week – What new services would you like to see from ASI?

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- B. Approval of New Vice President of Finance

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- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Vice President of Finance
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- G. Public Relations Committee-Ad Hoc
  - 1. UU Booth
- H. Diversity Committee-Ad Hoc
- I. Personnel Committee
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#### REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

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- C. Foundation Representative
- D. Inter-Hall Council Representative

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meetings: Tuesday's from 5-7 PM in UU 219.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS Meetings: Thursday's from 5-7 PM in UU22

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### ASI This Week

ATTEND AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR BUSINESS SEMINAR- PETER LOWE'S SUCCESS 1999! Thursday, January 28, 1999 at the San Jose Arena. For further information either stop by the ASI Executive Office (UU202) or contact Peter Lowe International, Inc. at 1-800-444-9075.

COME OUT TO THE THURSDAY NIGHT FARMER'S MARKET to see a showcase of Cal Poly clubs and departments. The Downtown Association has been working closely with the Department of Student Life and Activities on the Cal Poly campus to bring Cal Poly clubs, organizations and departments out to Garden Street on Thursday evenings. Both the Downtown Association and the Department of Student Life and Activities are very excited and optimistic about this partnership and look forward to seeing Garden Street utilized in a positive way on Thursday evenings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS to attend the CAREERS IN STUDENTS AFFAIRS workshop on February 5, 1999 held at Dominican College in San Rafael, CA. This one day workshop will offer participants information about graduate school opportunities, roundtable dialogues on current Student Affairs trends and issues, and techniques to enhance professional skills and abilities. For more information contact Dyrell Foster at 408-924-5963 or dfoster@email.sjsu.edu.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN LEGISLATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS? Apply to become a member of the 1999-2000 CALIFORNIA SENATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM. The primary goals of the program are to provide exposure to the legislative process for participants and research and administrative staff assistance to Senate members and policy committees. The program offers college graduates a paid, full-time legislative staff experience for eleven months in the State Capitol. Associates also participate in weekly graduate seminars conducted by California State University, Sacramento. For more information contact the Center for California Studies at 916-278-7681 or stop by the ASI Executive office (UU202) to pick up an application.

### Club Events

#### ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB OR CLUB EVENT HERE, COMPLIMENTS OF ASI

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#### PROMOTE YOUR CLUB!

The Robert E. Kennedy Library has display cases set aside for Cal Poly Clubs to promote and educate students about their clubs. Don't miss out on this opportunity to reach out and promote your club! Information is available by calling Lynda at 756-5784 or by contacting John Moffatt in the ASI Executive Office at 756-1291.

College of Agriculture Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 p.m. in Building 11, Deans Conference Room.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Building 5, Room 212 (Lobby).

College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 1/19 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 201.

College of Engineering Council Meetings will be held 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, and 6/8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Building 10, Room 241.

College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in UU219.



## Hot dogs, pretzels, and pizza ... but where's the spirit

Fair-weather fans are as common in San Luis Obispo as burning couches are in Isla Vista, and I'm not talking about the sunshine. Contrary to what the athletic department would like us to believe, Cal Poly is not an athletic powerhouse, and everyone knows it. Despite our Division I ranking, the university fails to recruit the caliber and amount of athletes typically found at other Division I schools, which translates into general lackluster performances all around. You know we're hurting when our athletes are actually students too. This may have a lot to do with the poor facilities our school has to offer its teams, which probably sends most recruits running back to their plush high schools and junior colleges, but I suspect it has even more to do with tradition.



**Al Dunton**

We've got the tradition of "learn by doing" down pretty well, along with that whole academic excellence stuff. Farmers Market goes off as it has for as long as there's been farmers, and our Mardi Gras celebration rivals all, this side of the Mississippi. Even now, right before your eyes, the tradition of producing the only fully student-run daily newspaper in the nation lives on. Traditionally

speaking, the Cal Poly community cares more about Utilidor than how the wrestling team did on their three-match road trip or how our swimmers did at Speedo Cup.

It would help if Cal Poly had more alumni involved in professional sports, who were willing to kick back financially or at least plug the university.

In all my years of watching football, I think John Madden has mentioned Cal Poly twice, both times briefly. Chris Thomas, currently with the Redskins and formerly with the Niners, never really did much to capture the spotlight. Andre Patterson, a guy who went to rallies to get students excited about home games, took off for a better career in Minnesota. Kamil Loud is climbing the ladder for the Bills and currently is our best chance for drawing attention to this campus.

Because of the lack of traditions, our teams only attract crowds when they win. I guess meager showings at home games could be considered a tradition, though. Even though our last basketball game was broadcasted live on ESPN2, students opted to watch NFL playoff games, rather than packing the gym. If that doesn't say something about school spirit, then I don't know what does.

A solution to this problem exists - it's in the distance, but it's there. We've got a marching band, a spirit organization called Running Thunder and cheerleaders, complete with burly guys who hold them up with one arm. These small groups of students are the pioneers in what has been, and will continue to be, a struggle for school spirit. Right now they are the only true fans any team has. What this means is whoever is in charge of athletics, the coaches, Baker's son, or whoever, needs to recognize this and act accordingly. Instead of pouring money into the flowers in front of Mott Gym, the gel in Coach Schneider's hair, or the ridiculously huge paychecks for a select number of coaches, let's pour money into the groups who are working to create tradition. Once tradition has been established, everything else will fall into place.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior.



## The trials and triumphs of my trip into adulthood

During this last break I went home to visit my family, as many others from Cal Poly did. I look forward to going home, but after this last visit nothing will ever be the same.

I ended up getting kicked-out of my house. Actually, in my eyes, it was my choice to leave. It was either that or "as long as you live in my house, you will live by my rules." But I realized something during that last visit ... there comes a time when you just don't live at home anymore, when you don't have to live by their rules. Your parents don't have to like it - most won't even accept it - but that's just the way it goes. It finally happened for me. It guess I've transformed into that "thing" most of us dread, "adulthood." Now, if you were to ask my father, I'm far from being there. That's because all of us will always be children to our parents.

So what brought about this epiphany? My new surfboard. The seven-footer I bought on sale for a little over three hundred dollars.

My father thought it was an irresponsible way for me to spend my money, and the more he thought about it, the angrier he got.

"That's way too much to spend on something that stupid!" "You're still in school after five years!" "You're supposed to be concentrating on school!" "My golf clubs have nothing to do with this!"

These were just a few of the arguments my father presented to me on that fateful night. Things that I'm sure most students have heard from their parents in one form or another. And I understand the underlying concern, that school should come first.

And even though school is not the only thing I eat, sleep and breathe, it does.

Treating yourself to something for working hard, or doing well in school should be a good thing, not an irresponsible thing. Especially when you are trying to pay for everything on your own.

As anyone who reads my commentaries knows, I am never wrong. But in my father's eyes, neither is he ... I can understand where he is coming from.

Sure there are more responsible ways for me to handle my paycheck. There are more responsible ways to do lots of things, but that doesn't always make for the best choice, or even the most rewarding choice.

I could have started paying off my college loans, saving for the taxes that our government has seen fit to take from me for the past two years, saving some money for my brother for when he goes off to college, but I didn't.

I chose to spend my hard earned (I work two jobs) money on rent, food, bills and the one thing I have saved for and wanted for a long time, no matter what the cost. I don't ask for money, and when I have in the past, I've waited and scrimped and saved until I've had to make that call.

I hear many students talk about how they called their mom and asked if they could put that JCrew sweater on their charge card. Not me. I guess I could, but I feel so lucky to have what I have already.

Don't get me wrong though, if my parents had tons of money and no other children, I'd be all over their bank account, but that's not the reality of things.

The reality is that just because my parents have money does not mean they owe

it to me, and likewise when I have money I don't have to spend it as they would deem responsible spending.

It's called the real world, and we all live in it. I live in it. And so does my father. If only my father would realize spending money on my hobbies (hobbies which he does not approve of) does not mean that I don't love or respect him or think his suggestions on how to manage my money are valid, it just means that I am not him. I am my own person. I guess I'm also just a guest from now on.

Jaime Zuffoletto is the opinion editor for the Mustang Daily who hopes that her father will understand she is sorry for what happened, but not for how she lives her life.

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## The sinful acts of cellular phone users

I believe there are three major sins a person can commit when using a cellular phone: bringing a cellular phone into a movie theater, taking a cellular phone into class and talking on a cellular phone while driving.

Cellular phone users should avoid causing these unnecessary distractions to avoid dangers to other people.

The first sin can easily be avoided. I personally do not understand the concept of wanting to talk on the phone when going to the movies. I thought most people went to the movies to escape reality, not to bring a reminder of their reality with them. A person expecting urgent phone calls should not even be going to the movies in the first place. Also, hearing a phone ring while Jack and Rose are hanging on for their dear lives on the bow of the "Titanic" is very distracting. Out of respect for the other patrons, please leave the cellular phone at home and let the answering machine pick up the messages.

The second sin relates to taking a cellular phone to class. Students committing this sin will face the instructor's wrath if their phone rings during class. Instructors simply do not want any disruptions when they are talking.

Here is one scenario that happened during one of my classes last quarter: the instructor is frantically writing on the blackboard with his back turned to the class, when suddenly, a phone rings. The teacher stops what he is doing and scans the room to see who is invading his time. Everyone looks at each other. Some students look at their backpacks and wonder if maybe it is their phone that is ringing. Then one student's face turns red. His face displays his uncertainty of whether he should answer the phone or just shut the phone off. Despite the instructor's disgust, he answers. "Hello?" he whispers into the

phone while the instructor stares at him with his arms folded across his chest. "I can't talk right now, I'm in class," says the student and everyone starts laughing. He hangs up the phone, his face showing his shame and embarrassment. Three seconds of complete silence go by and with one last disgusted look, the instructor starts to write on the blackboard again. Now does this student feel stupid, or what?

The third, and most deadly sin, is when people talk on their cellular phone while driving. The reason this is so dangerous is because of the human phenomenon to make hand gestures while talking on the phone.

If one hand is holding the phone, and the other hand is moving this way and that, then there are not any more hands left to steer. Cars do not drive straight by themselves. Driving violations I've witnessed from people talking on their cellular phone while driving: speeding through red lights, swerving back and forth between lanes, and driving 20 mph in a 45 mph zone. I believe that for the safety of other drivers who have to put up with this craziness, talking on a cellular phone while driving should be banned. I realize that sometimes emergencies do come up and people need to call someone while driving, but most people I see talking and driving seem to be engaged in a long conversation with their best friend. Is spending a few minutes chit-chatting with a friend worth risking getting into an accident?

Please try not to reach out and touch someone by a cellular phone when watching a movie, in class or driving.

Joellen Smith is a journalism senior and reporter for the Mustang Daily who promises to never to bring a cellular phone into any movie, no matter how bad the acting is.



## Protecting animals is not a money making scheme

Editor:

This is in response to Justin Ruhge's nauseating letter "The EPA is pro-environment, but anti-people," which ran on Monday, Jan. 11.

Mr. Ruhge, you make me ashamed to be a member of the human race. When I think of all the damage humans have imposed on our delicate, beautiful planet and its creatures, it fills me with disgust that you would actually complain about environmentalists' long over due attempts to sal-

vage what precious species remain.

How can you make blatantly false, uneducated statements such as "We are becoming the endangered specie."

The human population is fast growing and as a result we are trashing natural habitats while the animals get pushed into an ever decreasing space. And you are so selfish, greedy, and unfeeling that you would watch the Brown Bear, the Bald Eagle, and the Spotted Owl suffer at the hands of man and eventually get wiped off the

face of the earth because you "cannot afford such luxury as saving species." Then you propose that we become more selective about which species to invest in saving ... do you really think you or anyone has the right to decide which animals deserve to continue living? Please open your eyes and realize the earth and the animals are not just props for your money making schemes.

Meredith Rogers is a nutritional science sophomore.

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# WRESTLING

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"We've been forfeiting two to three matches in our past few dual meets," Grahn said. "But we won't be forfeiting any matches Wednesday, not unless someone gets hurt Wednesday afternoon."

However, while not having to forfeit may be a point in the Vikings' favor, fatigue could prove to be a strike against them. Cal Poly will be the last of the three teams Portland State is wrestling against on Wednesday.

"We'll be wrestling Kutztown University and San Francisco State in the afternoon, and then we'll be hopping in the van and coming down to Cal Poly," Grahn said.

He shrugged off any worries about the toll of the long day on his team.

"It'll be nothing," he said confi-

*"(Portland State is) underrated because this is their first year as a Pac-10 school. They have some talented people."*

— David Wells  
senior wrestler

dently.

Grahn said his team is strong at the 125-, 141-, 149- and 174-pound classes, and that the Vikings have a new heavyweight for whom he has high hopes.

The Mustangs' Cedric Haymon (141 lbs.) isn't concerned. Last Friday night Haymon wrestled in the 149-pound division against the University of Oregon and defeated his opponent, 4-1.

"I'm pretty confident about everything," he said. "I wake up every

morning at 7 and run...we're all in good shape."

Senior David Wells (174 lbs.), who smoked his last opponent 10-0 Friday night, said Portland State shouldn't be underestimated, but that he's not too worried.

"They're underrated," he said, "because this is their first year as a Pac-10 school. They have some talented people. Last year we wrestled them, and we had some close matches, but we came out on top."

Hopefully for the Mustangs, they

shouldn't have to forfeit the 197-pound class against Portland State, as they have done the past several matches, said senior Mike French (197 lbs.), who has been out with a broken collarbone.

French will still be absent from the 197-pound division Wednesday night, but Cowell is trying to rearrange people to put in a substitute. French said he will likely be rejoining his team on the mats, as soon as Monday of next week.

"The doctor said it's looking good," French said. "I'm healing faster than normal. (The doctor) said he's going by my discretion. The bone looks healed, so as long as I'm pain-free, it'll be okay. I'm shooting for Monday."

French said it has been extremely frustrating to be stuck on the sidelines with his injury.

"I feel helpless," he said. "My buddy said that when he's watching

from the stands, and I'm on the sidelines watching the matches, I'm moving constantly. Like, I'll move my leg when they should move their leg. I feel awkward; I've never been on this end of the spectrum before."

Following the Portland State match, the Mustangs' next match is against Brigham Young University in Utah on Jan. 17. This game will begin a succession of five away matches for Cal Poly.

The team, however, doesn't mind going on the road.

"In the past we've done pretty well away," Wells said. "I kind of like traveling. It's fun to see other schools."

Haymon said the Mustangs need to win on the road.

"It's better to play at home," he said, "but we feel comfortable on the road too. If you're going to win at home, you should be able to win away too."

# McGwire's 70th home run ball sells for record at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire topped the Babe and Sammy again.

McGwire's 70th home run ball sold at auction Tuesday night for \$3.05 million — well above November's record price of \$126,500 for a ball that Babe Ruth hit for the first home run in Yankee Stadium.

An anonymous telephone bidder bought McGwire's record home run ball, which was sold by Guernsey's auction house at a special sale at Madison Square Garden.

The total price includes the bid of \$2.7 million plus a \$305,000 commission to the auction house.

"\$3 million is an extraordinary accomplishment. It's 23 times the world record for any baseball ever sold, and five to six times the record of any sports artifact," said Arlen Ettringer, president of Guernsey's.

The ball, hit on McGwire's last swing of his record-breaking season, was retrieved at Busch Stadium Sept. 27 by Philip Ozersky, a research scientist at Washington University. He had turned down \$1 million from private collectors.

Sammy Sosa's final home run of the season, his 66th, sold for \$150,000.

Also up for sale Tuesday were other home run balls from the 1998 race to the record — McGwire's No. 63, No. 67 and No. 68, and Sosa's No. 61 — as well as a ball signed by former record-holder Roger Maris, and the usual run of Ruth and Lou Gehrig items.

Hank Aaron's 755th career homer — his last — was withdrawn from sale after bidding reached only \$800,000. The minimum auction price apparently was not reached, although the auction house did not

disclose what that price was.

A ball said to be Mickey Mantle's 500th homer, hit May 14, 1967, also was withdrawn from sale after questions arose about its authenticity.

In September 1996, the ball Eddie Murray hit for his 500th home run was sold for what one day could be \$500,000. Michael Lasky, the founder of the Psychic Friends Network, paid \$280,000 that was put in an annuity to be paid over 20 years. With interest, the annuity will be worth about \$500,000, according to a spokesman for Lasky, who also operates as syndicated handicapper Mike Warren.

Sosa's No. 66 was sold by Albert Chapa, who grabbed it Sept. 25 at the Astrodome.

Both Ozersky and Chapa were offered autographed paraphernalia in exchange for their historic souvenirs, but they declined.

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#### TODAY

° Wrestling vs. Portland State in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

° Men's basketball at Utah State at 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

° Swimming vs. Boston College in Mott Pool at 2 p.m.

° Women's basketball vs. North Texas in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

° Men's volleyball at UCSB in the UCSB Tournament at 9 a.m.

### BRIEFS

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Vinny Cerrato was fired as the San Francisco 49ers' director of player personnel in a move that signals Bill Walsh's return won't be far behind.

Walsh, the Hall of Fame coach who led San Francisco to three of its five Super Bowl wins, is expected to rejoin the organization to oversee the upcoming draft and help in other areas of player personnel evaluation. His hiring could come later this week.

Team officials today confirmed Monday night's dismissal of Cerrato, who had managed the 49ers' scouting and draft since January 1995. He originally joined the organization in 1991 as director of college scouting.

San Francisco has had a disappointing run in the draft and free agency under Cerrato and his firing had been rumored for weeks.

## Jordan set to announce retirement today

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan said he would go out on top. Apparently, he will.

Jordan planned to announce his retirement today at a news conference in Chicago, a source with close ties to the NBA told The Associated Press on Monday night.

If so, it would be the second time in five years that the greatest player in NBA history and the most popular athlete since Muhammad Ali walked away from the game.

"I don't have any reaction. I don't have any comments," said Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf when reached at his Arizona home.

When asked about Jordan's retirement, Bulls spokesman Tim Hallam said, "At this particular time, I can't comment."

However, Jordan's retirement also was reported by The New York Times, USA Today and The Denver Post.

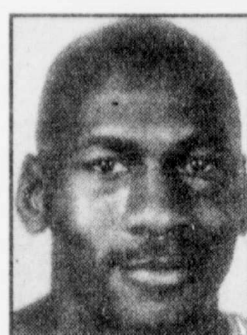
There had been considerable speculation about Jordan's future ever

since he hit the final, thrilling shot in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Utah to lock up the Bulls sixth championship of the decade. That speculation intensified last week, when the NBA players and owners reached a settlement to end the six-month lockout.

Jordan will turn 36 next month. He is a five-time league MVP, and led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged 31.5 points per game.

His agent David Falk said that "until he announces whether he is retiring or returning, anything else is speculation."

With NBA players preparing for a fractured season to begin Feb. 5, Jordan was expected to announce his



Michael Jordan  
NBA Superstar

plans before training camps opened Monday. He had been in the Bahamas on vacation, but returned to Chicago earlier this week. Another source, who also requested anonymity, told The AP that Jordan summoned teammates Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper to his home to discuss the team's future.

Jordan retired from the Bulls the first time in October 1993, saying he had accomplished everything he wanted to in basketball and planned to devote more time to his family. Instead, he spent 1994 playing minor league baseball for the Double-A Birmingham Barons, a farm team of the Chicago White Sox. The budding outfield prospect left baseball in the spring of 1995, and decided to return to the game he loved.

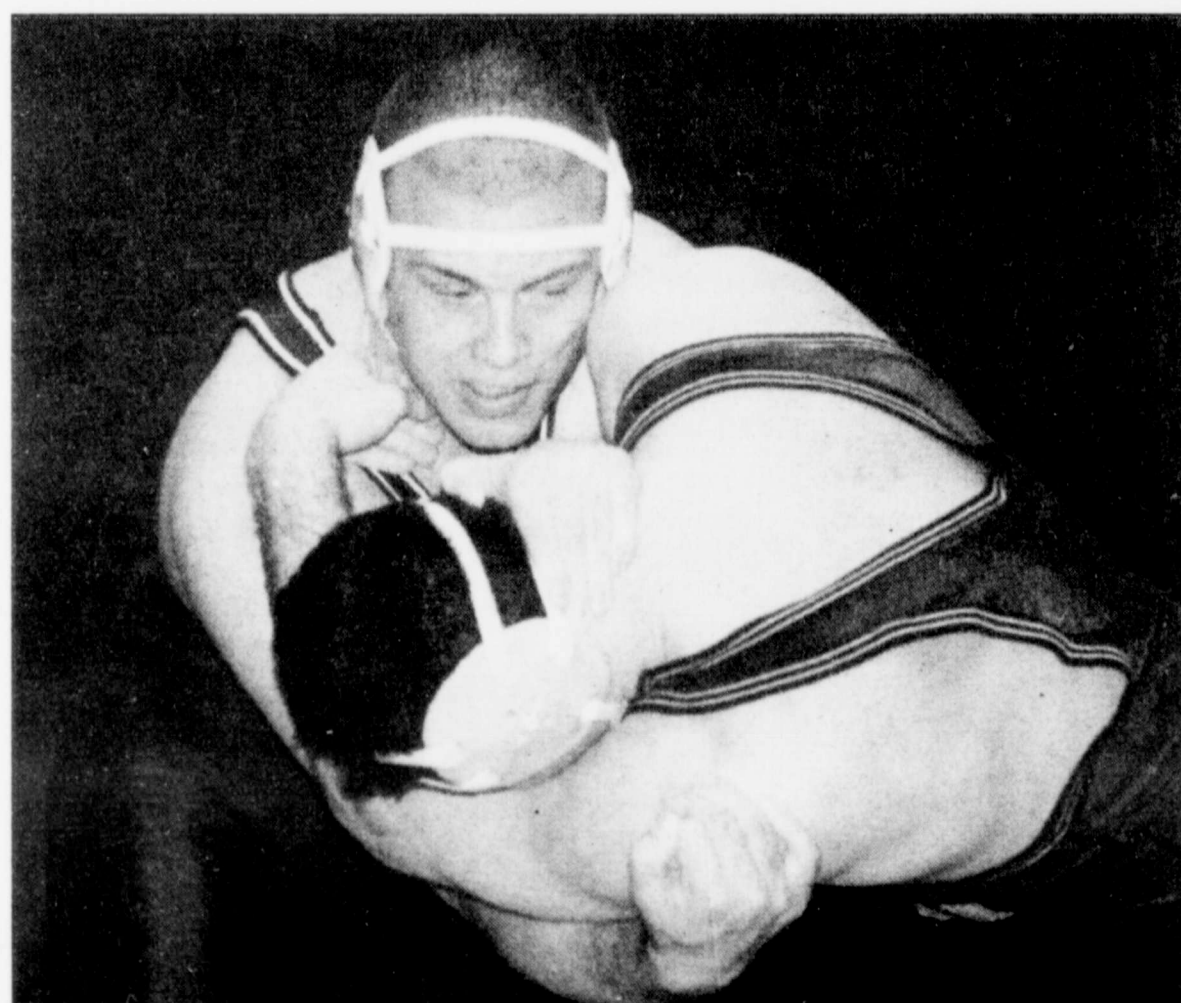
While his skills were still considerable, Jordan quickly learned he could no longer dominate the game the way he once did. The Bulls were knocked out of the postseason in the Eastern

Conference semifinals by Orlando.

But then, just as he had in every previous offseason, Jordan went back to work. He added a nearly unstoppable fadeaway jump shot to his arsenal and after a rigorous weight-training and conditioning program, he came back the next season better than ever. The Bulls then set off on another three-peat that ended last June in Utah with Jordan stealing the ball and making the game-clinching shot in the final seconds — one of the most memorable sequences of his memorable career.

It was precisely the lack of offseason work this past summer that had many of Jordan's teammates doubting he would return.

"He prepares as well as anybody but from all I hear, he's been playing golf and going to the Bahamas," teammate Steve Kerr said recently. "Unless he's working out in a hidden gym somewhere down in the Bahamas, I don't think he's really preparing to play."



David Wood/Mustang Daily

**HEAD-LOCK:** Heavyweight Gan McGee won the deciding match against Oregon.

## Wrestlers at home before road trip

By Jen Stevenson  
Mustang Daily

Following its first Pac-10 win of the season last Friday, the Cal Poly wrestling team is raring to take on a struggling Portland State team in Mott Gym Wednesday night before they hit the road for five consecutive road matches.

Cal Poly is currently 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the Pac-10. After beating the University of Oregon last Friday night 19-18, they hope to continue winning on their quest to reach the NCAA Championships.

"We need to get some wins under our belt, that's for sure," Head Coach Lennis Cowell said. "The team is pretty excited. Our last win will make going into this match all the better."

The Mustangs may not have too much of a problem chalking up another win Wednesday, judging from Portland State's performance so far this season.



Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

**UPSIDE-DOWN:** Cedric Haymon said he is ready to take on Portland State.

**"Our last win will make going into this match all the better."**

— Lennis Cowell  
Head wrestling coach

Portland State is in its first year as a Pac-10 team and is currently 2-9, according to the Vikings' head coach, Marlin Grahm. He said eligibility problems and injuries have hurt his team's record.

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## It will be impossible to replace the incomparable Michael Jordan

We'll miss you, Michael.

Without you, the NBA will suffer. You brought people to watch basketball who would otherwise never watch. You brought teams like the Warriors and Kings their only sellout of the year, when you brought the Bulls to town.

How will the league change, since you're not coming back?

First of all, the Pacers will win the NBA championship. With the Bulls' dynasty broken up, the Pacers will rise and take the step to the title. Forget the Lakers — the Pacers play together and actually enjoy it. There's no show time in Indiana, just solid basketball with the potential to beat any team in the league.

Scottie Pippen will probably go play in the city of aging NBA veterans, Houston. He's still one of the best players in the league, but without you, his few weaknesses will be shown.

I have no idea who will take over the title of the NBA's premier player, but I sure know who it won't be.

Some people might say Allen Iverson. It doesn't matter how many times Iverson says he's the league's best player, no one is going to believe him until he becomes a more multi-dimensional player. A killer crossover will only take him so far.

Kobe Bryant can't be considered until he steps up out of being a role player and starts taking the big shot.

Penny Hardaway? He's got to have a great season to even get the title of superstar put back next to his name.

Kevin Garnett? He's a great player, and he's starting to make noise. He's the kind of player the NBA needs. (Except for his contract, of course.)

However, none of these players have what it takes to replace you. You're the consummate professional; you don't choke your coach (Spewell), or kick cameramen (Rodman).

I can see some young players getting some well-deserved attention with your absence.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim and his 20 points per game will surely take some of your SportsCenter time. The same goes for Damon Stoudamire, one of the most entertaining players in the league.

No one can blame you, Michael, for stepping down now. You're at the top of your game, and the last shot you took in game six of the NBA finals will go down as one of the greatest in history. Six championship rings and five MVP trophies aren't too bad, either.

Good luck, Michael. The NBA will survive without you, but it sure won't be easy.



Matt  
Sterling